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Mr. Ed Dugo
9129 Oneal Avenue
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Dear Mr. Dugo:

This is in reply to your letter to Congressman Michael Bilirakis regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

You are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio

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MICHAEL BILIRAKIS
9TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA



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February 16, 1993

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am enclosing, for your review, a copy of comments which I received from several of my constituents.

In summary, they are concerned that the F.C.C. plans to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. If this is done many who own radio controlled models will lose not only the time enjoyed using these models, but the money that was invested in the purchasing of this expensive equipment.

I would appreciate your thorough review of the attached comments. Please forward your response directly to my constituents.

I would also be grateful if you would send a copy of your response to my Washington, D.C. office.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Michael Bilirakis
Member of Congress

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January 31, 1993

The Honorable Mike Bilirakis
US House Of Reps
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Docket 92-235

FEB 11 1993

Dear Congressman Bilirakis,

It has been brought to my attention that the FCC has issued a proposal to insert two new frequencies between frequencies used by model aircraft.

I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to this action for these reasons:

1. Model aircraft transmitters are low power and interference can easily be a problem especially since the usage of the new inserts will be mobile. Interference can cause a model to crash, causing a financial loss, (some planes represent a cost of almost \$1000.00), and possibly bodily harm or even death. If a plane in the neighborhood of 50 pounds traveling at 70 to 90 miles per hour were to suddenly go out of control (at some of our local club functions there may be in excess of 200 spectators), there could be a disaster.
2. At the time of this letter I currently own 4 radio systems at a cost of approximately \$950.00. These new inserts will make some of that investment wasted.
3. I am involved in scale modeling and will be travelling in other states. This may end a hobby that I have hours, (too many to calculate) in scale aircraft.

Please do all that you can to keep the frequencies for model aircraft protected from interference.

Thank You.

Sincerely,



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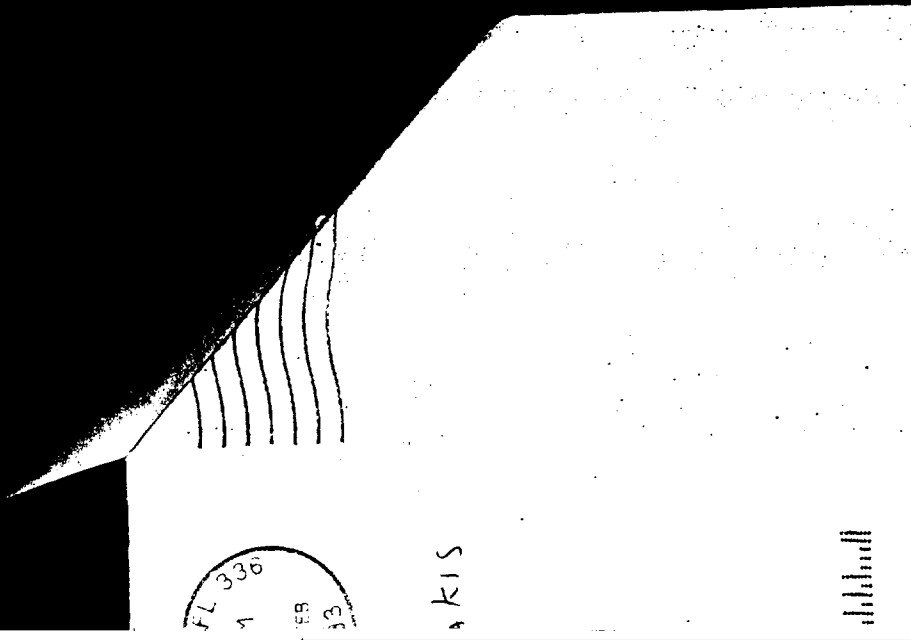
of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment for thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Victor L. Tyber
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Dear Mr. Bilirakis

1/29/93

I am writing this letter in reference to a notice of proposal rule making NPRM-PR DOCKET 92-235 which the F.C.C. is considering. As a model Airplane builder dating back to the early forty's and a avid user of radio control I strongly object to this proposal, first of all it will make all of my equipment obsolete which to me is an investment of several thousand dollars. In addition to my radio equipment, I have about 3 thousand dollars in model airplanes. I belong to the West Pasco Model Pilots Association, we are a dedicated group of men and we take our hobby very seriously. This proposal of Frequencies is so close to our existing ones, that it will cause interference and render most of our model frequencies unusable. I am a retired air force service man who served my country in time of war, and I look forward to my hobby of model aircraft constructing and the thrill of seeing the fruits of my labor take to the air. This is one of the only enjoyments I have in my retirement, so please I urge you to consider this F.C.C. proposal and do your utmost to prevent it from becoming a reality. Thanking you in advance for kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely Yours

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THE HONORABLE MIKE BILIARIS
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WASHINGTON, D.C.
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"I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes." "I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes."]

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from

The Honorable Michael Bilirakis
U.S. House of Representatives
Wash, D.C. 20515

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8518 Moulton Drive
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February 5, 1993 34668

Dear Mr. Bilirakis

I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am very active in two local model clubs.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the useability currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and the attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

The FCC wants to create more mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for model airplanes, only 19 will be left if these new rules are adopted.

We as responsible modellers feel that the proposed changes will increase the congestion within our frequencies and that the margin of safety will be greatly reduced, if not downright dangerous.

WE NEED THE USE OF OUR FULL COMPLEMENT OF RADIO FREQUENCIES IN ORDER TO ASSURE A SAFE FLYING ENVIRONMENT.

The FCC may not think we modellers are not important, but, we have a considerable amount of money invested in our hobby, a hobby which provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself, and which I am sure contributes to the interest and advancement of aviation to our young people, who are after all our future.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely

Anthony Pellini